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from smallpox, 49 deaths from cholera, and 3 from diphtheria. Among the European population there was 1 case of typhoid fever and 1 case of scarlet fever.

Respectfully,

S. H. RANSOM,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, *September 14, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith abstract of bills of health issued at this port for the week ended September 13, 1902. There were inspected during the week 4 vessels, 133 crew, 3 first and 1 second cabin passengers, and 15 pieces of baggage. Shipping orders were viséed for 13,321 pieces of freight; 3 pieces were disinfected and 241 rejected. The living compartments, bath rooms, and water-closets of 1 ship were disinfected on account of 1 case of cholera having occurred among the crew, sulphur gas and 5 per cent of bichloride of mercury solution 1-500 being used for the purpose. Bedding and clothing had to be subjected to sulphur gas, there being no other method of disinfection available here.

There was some falling off in the number of cholera cases in the interior, so far as I can learn, while in the municipality the situation was as follows: Deaths among natives, 23; no deaths among whites.

The other diseases reported were 4 typhoid fever and 1 scarlet fever among Europeans, and 1 death from the latter disease among Chinese.

Respectfully,

S. H. RANSOM,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

COLOMBIA.

Weekly report of conditions and transaction at Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 7, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 6, 1902:

Population according to census, not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 1. Prevailing diseases, malarial. The 1 death noted was an adult female, and due to tuberculosis. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 1, steamship *Hispania*; crew, 22; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. October 4, steamship *Harald*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Colombia*; crew, 18; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.